

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

Church Staff

Rev. Paul S. Siebert, *Pastor*
 Sr. Frances Therese Matia, SSJ, *Pastoral Minister*
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Contact Information

Rectory Office: 814-486-0569
 Monday through Thurs. 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
 Friday, 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Faith Formation Center: 814-486-0784
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 814-486-2399

Sacrament of the Reconciliation

Wednesday at 6:00 pm, Saturday at 3:15 pm
 Anytime by appointment

Baptisms

At all Sunday liturgies and outside of Mass after 9:00 am Mass. Parents and Sponsors must attend Baptismal Preparation Class. Call the rectory for arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the rectory for arrangements six months prior to the wedding.

Prayer Requests

Margaret Burnside, 814-486-0344 or online @ www.stmarkemporium.org or oursmprayers@gmail.com



26th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:31

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPT. 29

8:15 AM MONICA LUEDKE
 (Deb Dunkle)
 (Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

NO MASS
 (Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

8:15 AM JONATHAN ORNER
 (The Family)
 (Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62)

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

8:15 AM EVA MEISEL
 (The Family)
 (Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Mt 18:1-5,10)

FRIDAY, OCT. 3 ~ FIRST FRIDAY~

8:15 AM ROSE BOGART (ANNIV.)
 (Her Godson)
5:00 PM MICHEAL KEENAN, GENE KEENAN & PARTICIA SARINELLI
 (Ruth Drum)
 (Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16)

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

ST. MARK 4:00 PM
JERRY WOODS
 (Marie Hugar)

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM
PEOPLES OF THE PARISHES
 (The Pastor)

SUNDAY OCT. 5 9:00 AM
SPECIAL INTENTION
 (Gerry Smith)
 (Hb 1:3-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10)

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS:****FIRST FRIDAY OCT. 3rd**

8:15 AM N/A
5:00 PM N/A

LECTORS:

Carole Dankesreiter
Dave Malize

ALTAR SERVERS:

Andy DeLucia
Volunteer

SATURDAY, OCT. 4**ST. MARK**

S. & L. Zoschg and
A. DeMatz

ST. JAMES**4:00 PM**

Stephanie Petty

Andy & Eugenia Clark

5:30 PM

Phil Burkhouse

SUNDAY, OCT. 5

L. Lion, A. Slottje &
Volunteer

9:00 AM

Mary Meisel

Paul Burlingame &
Ruth Kane

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY (28th) 9:00 AM ~ 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WEDNESDAY (1st) 3:30-5:00 PM ~ FAITH FORMATION SESSION
Grades 1-5

6:00 PM ~ Holy Hour
Confession

6:30 PM ~ ROSARY

7:00 PM ~ Benediction

4:15 PM ~ Rosary

Adoration Intention:
*Well Being of Local
Economy and
Felt Manor*

THURSDAY (2nd)

FRIDAY (3rd)

8:15 AM ~ FIRST FRIDAY MASS

4:15 PM ~ ROSARY

5:00 PM ~ FIRST FRIDAY MASS

SATURDAY (4th)

3:15 PM ~ Confession

4:00 PM ~ VIGIL MASS @ ST. MARK

5:30 PM ~ MASS @ ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD

SUNDAY (5th)

9:00 AM ~ 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00-11:15 AM ~

EDGE & CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31**THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS****Question of the week:**

Adult: What are the 'rewards' of caring for the needs of the poor?

Youth: What is one thing you and your family could do this week to help those who are poor or sick?

**APARTMENT
FOR RENT:****AVAILABLE NOW!**

Two story, two bedroom apartment, available, across parking lot from the church, facing East Third Street. Non-smoking—no pets, utilities not included in rent. Ideal for single/retired person. Includes Stove, new Refrigerator, Washer/Dryer, Dishwasher, one window A/C & wall-to-wall carpet.

Inquiries please call: Joe DeSio
(814)486-1968 or the rectory
(814)486-0569.

ST. MARK MASS**ATTENDANCE**

SAT. SEPT. 20 4:00 PM ~ 91

ST. JAMES 5:30 PM ~ 34

SUN. SEPT. 21 9:00 AM ~ 115

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

(9/13-14/2025)

ST. MARK: \$3,527.00

ST. JAMES: \$719.00

*Thank you For returning
some of God's gift to you
back to His church!*

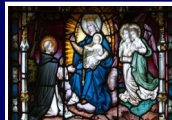
ST. JAMES, DRIFTWOOD

*Last Mass at St. James
for 2025*

will take place on

SATURDAY, OCT. 18th @ 5:30 PM.

Weekly Mass at St. James will
resume in Spring of 2026.

**ROSARY—OCTOBER**

The Rosary will be
prayed every weekday
@ 4:15 PM in October.

*(Exception... Wed. Rosary will be
prayed @ 6:30 PM)*

**BLESSING OF PETS**

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of animals and the environment, Fr. Paul Siebert will preside over a special Blessing of Pets on **Thursday, Oct. 2nd @ 5:00 PM**, in front of St. Mark Church. Please bring your pets; dogs, cats, hamsters, rabbits, etc. to St. Mark Church, where we'll meet out front (by the Statue of St. Mark) to have your pets blessed. All pets must be on lease or in a carrier. This custom is conducted in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. We hope to see you and your beloved pets there! This event is open to the public! Tell your friends! All are welcome!

The Sanctuary Lamps burn
before the Blessed
Sacrament this week
IN LOVING MEMORY
of my brother:

SALVATORE (SAM) FAPORE
From: Don Fapore



26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Gospel:
Luke 16:19-31

This Gospel centers on the reversal of fortunes that takes place after Lazarus and the rich man die. It links agony or comfort after death with how we treat the less fortunate around us. This reversal after death is ultimate. An unbridgeable gap exists between Lazarus at Abraham's side and the rich man in Hades. God's eternal judgment has everything to do with how we use wealth in this life and whether we attend to those less fortunate in our midst. Our temptation is to explain away a story like this and to remove its obvious depiction of how God will ultimately vindicate the cause of the poor. But the message has been clearly stated. Like the rich man's five brothers, we have been given all the warning we need.



INQUIRY SESSION

On Monday, OCT. 6th @ 6:30 PM a gathering will occur, for less than one hour, for adults 18 yrs. of age or older, for those who have questions like:

*Can you help me be a better person?
I want to find a safe place to belong?
I wonder where is God?*

If you or someone you know, have these or similar questions, please come to O'Connell Hall (basement of St. Mark Church). There we can help you start beginning to answer questions about these matters. No religious affiliation is required.

This is the beginning of OCIA (formerly called RCIA), Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. It can include those unbaptized adults or inactive baptized adults from another denomination or baptized Catholics who haven't been active since childhood. This first part is inquiry. Refreshments will be served following this first inquiry session. For more information call Jen @ 486-0569.

RESPECT LIFE BEGINS NEXT WEEK!



October is Respect Life Month!
This year's Respect Life

Program theme is:

"Life: Why We March"

The Cameron County Pro-Life Committee will be sponsoring a

"Life Chain"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th.

Every life is precious — join us as we take a stand for life!

Signs will be distributed beginning at 2:00 p.m. from the First Baptist Church (Broad St.); the silent demonstration will run from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will be standing on 4th Street from Broad St. to Chestnut St. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow.



HUNGER RELIEF IN GAZA

Thank you for your very generous donations for the relief effort in GAZA! As a parish we've collected **\$2,039.00** which will be sent on to the needy people in Gaza and surrounding areas!

HOLY BAPTISM



Today, Sunday, Sept. 28th we welcome into our faith, through the saving waters of Holy Baptism, **IVAN BERNARD BAUER**

Infant son of Scott Bauer & Leah Pearsall.
May you grow to know the love and kindness of our Lord.



WE HAVE A NEEDED:

All Music Ministers, especially organist, pianist, keyboard player, and singers.

If you or if you know someone who plays, please encourage them to come help us to enhance masses. Also, we are calling all singers to either return to or join us in our Music Ministry at

4:00 PM Saturday Mass
or especially 9:00 AM Sunday Mass!

We all have gifts from God, please share yours with us!



OUTDOOR SIGN

Our outdoor sign has been refurbished with all new components, due to a nice donation from the K of CI! Thanks so very much!



Thanks all who attended and participated in the Synod Listening session and to those who helped in any way!



Prayer - Planning - Possibilities

PASTORAL PLANNING

There will be a meeting on Thurs. Oct. 9th at St. Leo's, in Ridgway with Pastors, and parish leaders of the parishes in Elk & Cameron Counties, to discuss how we can move forward given the situation of declining numbers, less priests, etc. From there the first draft from the priests and leadership will then go to the Pastoral Council. Then the proposals will be sent to Bishop Persico. Please pray for the well being of the parishes and for the Lord's help during this planning process.